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Case No. 396-470

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ricky R. Ruschke et al.

Serial No: TBD
(Nationalization of Serial No.
PCT/US2004/019641)

Filed: December 7, 2005

For: FLUID HANDLING DEVICE AND
METHOD OF MAKING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks prior to examination of the present application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.